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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 18, 2019

President George Fuller called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:30 pm in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Love, Mr. Wainright, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Petrolla and Mr. Fuller. Councilmember Wallace was absent. Mayor Wilson and Solicitor Tim Barry were also present.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

Tanner Maue (206 Elm St) presented council with two bat boxes he constructed as part of his Eagle Scout project and spoke about the decline of the brown bat population. He asked if council would agree to install the bat boxes at two locations around the borough and they agreed.

M-1 Mr. Wainright moved to approve the meeting minutes as amended from October 7, 2019. Second by Mr. O'Donnell.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Wainright clarified that the language on motion number 6 was incorrect and that council voted not to revoke the Square Café's sidewalk permit. The minutes as presented had council revoking the permit which was not the case.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Love, Mr. Wainright, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Petrolla and Mr. Fuller. **Motion carried.**

M-2 Mr. Wainright moved to approve the meeting minutes from October 21, 2019. Second by Mr. O'Donnell.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Love, Mr. Wainright, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Petrolla and Mr. Fuller. **Motion carried.**

M-3 Mr. Wainright moved to approve the meeting minutes from November 4, 2019. Second by Mr. O'Donnell.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Love, Mr. Wainright, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Petrolla and Mr. Fuller. **Motion carried.**

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

- M-4** Mr. Wainright moved authorize the payment of bills, for goods and services received by the Borough, having been reviewed and approved by the General Government Committee, from the General Fund in the amount of \$69,144.56 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$1,533.46 for a total of \$ 70,678.02. Second by Mr. O'Donnell.

DISCUSSION: None

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Love, Mr. Wainright, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Petrolla and Mr. Fuller. **Motion carried.**

- M-5** Dr. Petrolla moved to submit a letter of commitment for a multi municipal PA Small Water and Sewer Grant application with the Borough of Braddock Hills and the Borough of Swissvale. Second by Mr. Wainright

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak said that this letter was part of the application process for the multi-municipal grant with Braddock Hills and Swissvale to leverage approximately \$318,000 in grant money to repair 750 linear feet of sanitary sewer lines within the three boroughs. A \$15,000 match is required by the borough.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Love, Mr. Wainright, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Petrolla and Mr. Fuller. **Motion carried.**

- M-6** Dr. Petrolla read Resolution 2019-11: A resolution of Edgewood Borough, Allegheny County, to apply for a Pennsylvania Small Water and Sewer Grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, as well as authorizing the Council President to sign all documents necessary to apply for the aforementioned grant. Second by Mr. Wainright.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Love, Mr. Wainright, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Petrolla and Mr. Fuller. **Resolved.**

- M-7** Mr. O'Donnell moved to make the 2020 Proposed Budget available for Public Review starting November 19, 2019. It will be available on the Borough website, in the C.C. Mellor Library and in the Borough Office. Second by Mr. Wainright.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Love, Mr. Wainright, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Petrolla and Mr. Fuller. **Motion Carried.**

- M-8** Mr. Wainright moved to hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2020 Budget on December 2, 2019, starting at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers and advertise for same. Second by Dr. Petrolla.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Love, Mr. Wainright, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Petrolla and Mr. Fuller. **Motion Carried.**

- M-9** Mr. Wainright made the first reading of the following ordinance:

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
ORDINANCE 1067**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD, COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020**

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Council of the Borough of Edgewood, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

SECTION 1: That a tax be levied on all real property within said Borough, subject to taxation for Borough purposes, for the fiscal year 2020 as follows:

Tax rate for general Borough purposes, the total of seven and one hundred eighty five thousandths (7.185) mills on each thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

1 mill = \$1.00 for every \$1,000 assessment
7.185 mills = \$7.185 for every \$1,000 assessment

SECTION 2: That any ordinance, or part thereof, conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance be and hereby repealed insofar as the same is affected by this Ordinance.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into law this 2nd day of December, 2019. Second by Dr. Petrolla.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Wainright said the tax rate remained unchanged from 2019.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Love, Mr. Wainright, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Petrolla and Mr. Fuller. **Motion Carried.**

- M-10** Mr. Wainright moved to advertise Ordinance 1067. Second by Dr. Petrolla.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Love, Mr. Wainright, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Petrolla and Mr. Fuller. **Motion Carried.**

M-11 Mr. Wainright moved to authorize the execution of a contract between Zambelli Fireworks Manufacturing and the Borough of Edgewood to provide fireworks for Edgewood Community Day for calendar years 2020, 2021, and 2022. Second by Mr. O'Donnell.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Zahorchak said that the contracted price increases \$250 over the life of the three year contract, from \$6,250 in 2020 to \$6,500 in 2022.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Mr. Bright, Mr. Love, Mr. Wainright, Mr. O'Donnell, Dr. Petrola and Mr. Fuller. **Motion Carried.**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Mr. Wainright said he reviewed the bills and found them to be light and routine.

POLICE: Mayor Wilson reported Sgt. Mike Libell suffered an injury during a foot pursuit but had returned to active duty after being off only a few days. He also reported on an incident that occurred in the evening of November 16 at Edgewood Towne Centre involving a few hundred youth mostly from Scene 75. Police from surrounding boroughs responded to a large crowd of juveniles in the parking lot outside of Scene 75 that had been kicked out of the venue for fighting. Edgewood Police closed scene 75 and worked with the responding departments to break up the group, no arrests were made.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Mr. Fuller said the committee did not meet.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Bright said the committee did not meet.

PUBLIC WORKS: Dr. Petrola said the committee did not meet.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Mr. O'Donnell said that the committee did not meet

PERSONNEL: Mr. Fuller said the committee did not meet

PENSION: Mr. Zahorchak said that a meeting will be scheduled before years end.

AD HOC COMMITTEES-

3 RIVERS WET WEATHER: No report given.

CONNECT: a meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2019 in Ross Township.

WOODLAND HILLS SD EDUCATION CONSORTIUM: Mayor Wilson attended the last meeting and reported that district wide test scores have improved 7% over previous year.

VOILENCE PREVENTION COALITION: No report given.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Barry briefed council on how they might proceed with reorganizing in 2020 and filling the vacancy left by Pat Schaefer's moving out of the borough.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that bids for the Maple Avenue/Edgewood Avenue traffic light would be opened on December 6 and that the 2019 road program is nearly complete except for line painting.

NEW BUSINESS: none

M-12 Mr. Wainright motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Second by Mr. O'Donnell.
The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Zahorchak', written over a horizontal line.

Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager